

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13, 14, and 16-38 were pending in the application, with Claims 1, 8, 17, 27, and 32 being independent. Applicant cancels Claims 8-11, 13-14, and 16-38 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer of the subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are allowed. Applicant thanks Examiner Tsai for indicating that these claims are allowable. Applicant appreciates Examiner Tsai's assistance in advancing prosecution of the application.

Applicant submits that Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are in allowable form. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 8-11, 13-14, and 16-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,668,987 (Schneider) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0001498 (Chen) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,892,937 (Caccavale). Applicant respectfully cancels Claims 8-11, 13-14, and 16-38 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer of the subject matter. Accordingly, the §103 rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

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